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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ATHLETE-TRAINERS IN TRACK,
BASEBALL AND SWIMMING.

REF: POST GRANT ALLOCATION LIST PREPARED BY
BEVERLY SMITH (1-9-75) DENNIS-SHELBY TELCON

THE POST EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE COMMITTEE HAS CON-
SIDERED IDEA OF SPONSORING CLINIC AND/OR EXHIBITION
IN ONE OR MORE SPORTS POPULAR IN BOTH U.S. AND
COSTA RICA AS EFFECTIVE WAY OF FAVORABLY INFLUENCING
YOUNG ATHLETES, PARTICULARLY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS,
AND LARGE SPORTS LOVING COSTA RICAN PUBLIC; BUT UNTIL
NOW PROPOSAL HAS HAD TO BE POSTPONED IN FAVOR OF PRO-
JECTS WITH HIGHER PRIORITIES. POST NOW WILLING ALLOCATE
UP TO \$2,000 FOR ONE OR MORE OF FOLLOWING: (1) A SPANISH-
SPEAKING BASEBALL COACH OR FORMER PLAYER TO WORK FOR A WEEK
OR TWO WITH NATIONAL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION (BASEBALL
IS A GROWING POPULARITY SPORT IN COSTA RICA) AND
UNIVERSITY TEAM. (2) A YOUNG SWIMMING CHAMPION
SUCH AS MELISSA BELOT, PREFERABLY ACCOMPANIED BY
TRAINER, TO GIVE DEMONSTRATIONS DURING NATIONAL COM-
PETITION FOLLOWING MID-MARCH CENTRAL AMERICAN-
CARIBBEAN GAMES IN MEXICO. LOCAL SWIMMING TALENT
EXCELLENT, ESPECIALLY YOUNG CHAMPION MARIA MILAGRO
PARIS, AND COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE WIDE PUBLICITY.
(3) A COACH AND A TRACK STAR SUCH AS LAPREFONTAINE
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AT UNIVERSITY OF OREGON TO HOLD CLINIC-DEMONSTRATIONS

AT UNIVERSITY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR ONE-TWO
WEEKS. AGAIN, WIDE PUBLICITY ASSURED; TRACK STAR
RAFAEL ANGEL PEREZ ALWAYS IN NEWS.

FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR CLARENCE THURBER HAS WRITTEN
TRACK COACH BILL BAUERMAN AT OREGON UNIVERSITY
BUT SO FAR NO REPLY. OREGON PARTNERS MIGHT BE
ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME HELP. POST WILL DEEPLY AP-
PRECiate CU ASSISTANCE ON THIS PROJECT. PROGRAMS
SHOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE JUNE, WHEN ACADEMIC YEAR ENDING.
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